

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2343 without my signature.

This is an issue that is best resolved by locally elected school boards who are in the best position to determine the structural planning of their schools and the safety needs of their students. Existing law already provides that new school construction projects include automated fire detection, alarm, and sprinkler systems and school modernization projects must include automated fire detection and alarm systems. Therefore, since current law does not prohibit a local school district from adding sprinkler systems to their modernization projects if they choose, I believe this decision is best left to local districts on a case-by-case basis depending upon the needs of their schools.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger